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SUBJECT: LOBSTER AND SCALLOP FISHERY

REF: BRASILIA A-6, JANUARY 23, 1975

1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS), NOAA, COMMERCE NEEDS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON LOBSTER AND SCALLOPS FOR THE ECONOMIC AND MARKETING RESEARCH DIVISION TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THEIR ANALYSIS OF MARKET TRENDS IN THE U.S.

A) 1975 CATCH AND LANDINGS DATA FOR SPINY LOBSTER AND SCALLOPS WITH COMPARABLE DATA FOR 1974.

B) ANTICIPATED LANDINGS IN 1976 AND EFFECTS ON EXPORTS TO THE U.S.

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2. FOR CANBERRA ONLY - NMFS REPORTS NO IMPORTS OF SCALLOPS

SINCE APRIL 1974. NMFS WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EXPLAINING WHY EXPORTS OF SCALLOPS TO THE U.S. HAVE CEASED.

3. FOR BRASILIA ONLY

A) NMFS REPORTS SHARP INCREASE IN PRICES FOR SCALLOPS AND LOBSTER TAILS ON THE U.S. MARKET. CAN EMBASSY ANTICIPATE THE EFFECT OF THIS ON FUTURE BRAZILIAN EXPORTS OF SAME.

B) STATISTICAL DATA IN THE REVISTA NACIONAL DA PESCA (MAY, 1975) INDICATED THAT THE PRODUCAO (LANDINGS?) OF LOBSTER INCREASED FROM 3.2 METRIC TONS IN 1970 TO 20 TONS IN 1974. NMFS WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EXPLAINING THIS LARGE INCREASE.

C) NMFS UNDERSTANDS THAT THE TWO SPECIES OF SPINY LOBSTER HARVESTED IN BRAZIL ARE PANULIRUS LAEVICAUDA AND P. ARGUS. IF READILY AVAILABLE COULD EMBASSY PROVIDE SOME INDICATION OF THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF THE TWO SPECIES.

D) NMFS HAS NO CATCH OR LANDING DATA ON BRAZILIAN SCALLOPS. COULD EMBASSY PROVIDE CATCH AND LANDING DATA SINCE 1970. U.S. IMPORT DATA INDICATES THAT THE U.S. IMPORTED 449 METRIC TONS OF SCALLOPS IN 1974 AND 43 TONS IN 1973. WHILE INFORMATION ON IMPORTS FROM BRAZIL IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR 1972, IMPORTS IN 1971 WERE ONLY 12 TONS. ANY INFORMATION EXPLAINING THIS SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OF SCALLOP EXPORTS IN 1974 WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

E) NMFS NOTES THAT THE ABOVE SUBJECTS WERE NOT DISCUSSED IN THE LATEST INDUSTRIAL OUTLOOK REPORT ON THE FISHING INDUSTRY (REF AIRGRAM). KISSINGER

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